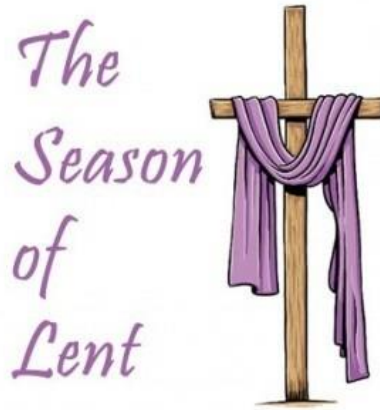


Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

"To the Glory of God, and the Service of People"

April 6th, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit "Behold, I Make All Things New" From Iona Community

Friendship Pads

Please print your name(s), and contact information, pass the pad, pass it back, note the names of those worshipping with you and greet them by name after worship.

Concerns in the Life of the Church

Prelude

"When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise" arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

***Call to Worship**

(Psalm 126)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *we were like those who dreamed.*

Our mouths were filled with laughter, *our tongues with songs of joy.*

It was said among the nations, *The Lord has done great things for them,*
and we are filled with joy.

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #361**

"How Firm a Foundation"

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have . . . (silent, personal confession) Amen.

**You are invited to stand in spirit or in body.*

Kyrie

You are the Lord, Giver of mercy.

You are the Christ, Giver of mercy. You are the Lord, Giver of mercy.

Assurance of Pardon . . . in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. *Thanks be to God.*

Passing of the Peace Peace be with you. *And also with you.*

(Please turn to the person in front of you, behind you, and beside you to share Christ's peace with them)

***Gloria Patri #579** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Robert Simms

1st Scripture Reading Isaiah 43.16-21

The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Time with Young Disciples

2nd Scripture Reading John 12.1-8

The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

"The Cross of Jesus"
PPC Adult Choir

F. Patrick O'Brien

Sermon

"Priorities"

Rev. Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #307**

"Fight the Good Fight"

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering and Change-for-Change Food Pantry Offering

(Use the QR Code to the right for Online Giving)



GIVE NOW

Offertory

"How Firm a Foundation"

Joseph Funk

***Doxology #592**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table and The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy Lord, Father almighty, . . . we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations. . . .

The Lord's Prayer (debts/Debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our Debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all God's benefits.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #391**

"Take My Life"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"O, How I Love Jesus"

American Melody

(Please remain seated until worship ends after the Postlude)

The Church Enters the Mission Field

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the name of Jesus the Christ, "Welcome Home" to the House of the Lord. *If you are visiting, we offer a special welcome and invite you to participate with us in mission and ministry. If you would like to become a member of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor. Visit our website (www.PickensPresbyterian.org) to register for our newsletter.*

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. – Philippians 4:6 (NRSV)

REQUESTS: Share prayer concerns in worship, on the pew cards (*place in the offering plates*), or email the church office admin@pickenspresbyterian.org.

(Prayer concern list policy: Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks, after which they may be either renewed for another 4 weeks, or moved to the Long-Term Prayer Concern List)

CONCERNS

Name (relationship)

Concern

***Myanmar Earthquake Victims**

3/30/25
Allene & Patrick (Louise's Daughter & Son in Law) pregnancy loss
NC & SC Fires & 1st Responders

Janet White (Deb Holtel's cousin)health concerns
 Neveah Harden.....health concerns
3/30/25
 Marilyn Simmons & Family (Bob Allison's sister)severe rainy season flooding in Peru
 Barbara Amick (Raymond Dawkins' sister).....health concerns
 Storm victims in the South recovery
3/23/25
 Judith McCormick (David's Mother).....health concerns
 Rob Bray (Nancy Goldsmith's brother) house fire
 Chase Dyal & Robby "Cricket" Stewart (Utility workers injured @ Oconee substation)health concerns
3/16/25

CELEBRATIONS

**new this week*

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST

Bert Allison, Jeannie Bowen, Katherine Acker Brooks, Barbara & Joe Christopher, Raymond & Margaret Dawkins, Shawn Erickson (Ron & Sylvia's son), Jane Gillespie, Samuel Hood (nephew of John & Jana Holland), Beverly Kelly, Scott Kelly, Drema LaFoy (Tina's mother) & Tina, Susan Steedman (Sarah Mahanes' Mother) Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel's uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David's brother & Sister-in-law).

EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Peace in Ukraine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#).

Humanitarian Aid to Israel/Palestine. Text PDAIP to 41444, or gifts to "DR000081-Israel/Palestine".

US Hurricane Relief. PDA support: gifts to [DR000169](#).

US Wildfires Relief. PDA support: gifts to [DR000165](#).

*Make checks payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with DR support number on memo line.

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK: Online calendar: <http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar>

PPC FOOD PANTRY: Today we receive the Change-for-Change and Coupon Cans special offering to support our Food Pantry and Little Free Pantry. With warmer weather we have seen an increase in use and are in need of canned/packets of chicken or tuna and canned/individual fruit. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our mission.

TABLE ROCK FIRE: Thank you for your donations which totaled \$1000! Your donations purchased \$500 of needed supplies and \$500 towards food to help feed the emergency crews. Your response to this disaster has been a service to many, the Missions Committee.

YOUTH BAKE SALE: Palm Sunday, April 13th Our youth will hold their annual fundraiser to support their summer Montreat trip. **Donations of baked goods are welcome!** Carole or Anna for questions.

CHURCH WORK DAY: Church Beautification/Eastertime cleanup day, Saturday, April 12th. Beginning at 9:00am. Bring pressure washer, gardening tools to prune, trim, plant. **All are invited to help.**

EASTER EGG DONATIONS: Our CDC is asking for donations of plastic eggs and candy or small items, such as stickers to stuff the eggs, for the Annual Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 17th, for the Tiny Tots, Toddlers, 2K, 3K, and 4K classrooms. **If you will donate, please deliver the items to the CDC by Monday, April 14th.** Let's make this day fun and memorable for the children!

EASTER LILY FUND: Memorials and Honorariums for the Easter Lily Fund will be received this year through this Sunday, April 6th, to support our Jane B. Morris Service Fund. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks. **Memorials and Honorariums will be published on April 13th and 20th.**

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: April Drive: Easter Bows and Easter Cards. **Due by April 10th in Church Office Collection Box.** Questions: Contact Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME: All Saints' Hall at 10:30am for food and fellowship. Sign up to provide snacks online at: <https://tinyurl.com/FellowshipSnacks> or via the QR code in the CliffNotes.

FINANCIAL UPDATE 2025 Budget: \$319,714.

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$1,882.** Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget: **\$6,148.**

LOOKING AHEAD:

FLOWERING THE CROSS: We will flower the cross after Easter breakfast. Please bring flowers to decorate the cross that morning. All are welcome to participate.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday worship service on April 17th @ 6:00pm with a simple meal of soup, bread and fruit and Communion.

Good Friday Tenebrae worship service on April 18th @ 6:00pm

Easter Sunrise worship service on April 20th @ 8:00am

Easter Breakfast @ 8:45am – featuring a full breakfast

Easter Worship service @ 11:00am

Please use the tear-off below to indicate how many will be present for the special meals, and leave in the offering plate. **Please reply no later than Sunday, April 13th.** You may also reply to the Cliffnotes from Thursday.

SERVING:

APRIL 6, 2025

APRIL 13, 2025

Pulpit Elder:	Robert Simms	Jeff Price
Sanctuary Guild:	Dianna Morris	Dianna Morris
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard	Ivy & Roy Stoddard
Refreshments:	Judy Cook	<i>Palm Sunday Youth Bake Sale</i>
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Anna Chastain
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	<i>Lenten Rose</i>	<i>Easter Lilies</i>
Communion Set-up:	Betsey Chalmers	
Communion Servers:	Mark T, Starla T, Cindy T, Allison R, Ken T	
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms Isaiah 43.16–21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3.4b–14 John 12.1–8		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Jeff Price Luke 19.28–40 Psalm 118.1–2, 19–29

Attending: _____ will attend the Maundy Thursday Dinner on April 17, 2025.

Attending: _____ will attend the Easter Breakfast on April 20, 2025.